

WASHINGTON.

From our Regular Correspondent. WASHINGTON, Sept. 7th, 1896.

The McKinleyites haven't had much to enthuse over before so they are making the most of the Vermont election by yelling themselves hoarse over what every intelligent man knows to have been a foregone conclusion. This isn't worrying the democrats even a little bit. Senator Faulkner, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Committee, says of it: "We made no attempt to carry the state, while the republicans have spent lots of money and have exerted every energy to win. I am told that a house to house canvass was made by prominent republicans." Senator Harris, of Tenn., one of the old democratic war horses, said: "If the republicans can find any comfort in the Vermont election they are welcome to it. They will need a great deal of comfort before this campaign is over." Secretary Diffenderfer, of the silver committee, said: "The effect of the election will be to unify the south and west and middle west. The election shows that the east is making a sectional fight, and I do not know anything which could have happened that would have made more silver votes. We had no idea of carrying Vermont, and we haven't any idea of carrying Maine. We have not done anything in either state."

The Democratic National Committee has decided to accede to the request of the Pennsylvania miners, and will send Senator Tillman, of S. C. upon a ten days stumping tour of the coal section. The democrats do not expect to carry Pennsylvania for Bryan, but they have excellent reasons for expecting to give the republicans some very unpleasant surprises in a number of the Congressional districts of the State. Senator Gorman was at democratic headquarters this week, and it is expected that from now on he will take an active part in the management of the campaign. He believes that Bryan and Sewall can be elected.

Every Alabama democrat in Washington regards Dr. Moseley's recent interview about the rosy chances of the republicans to carry that State as nothing more nor less than an attempt to get a part of Mark Hanna's big campaign fund, and one Alabamian says of it: "In view of the stringency of the money market down our way, the true blue democracy would be pleased to see Dr. Moseley pull any amount from Mr. Hanna's plethoric political purse. We rather enjoy the fun, and the money goes into circulation." As to how the state will go, Mr. Percy Clark, who took an active part in the late State Campaign and who is now in Washington conferring with members of the democratic National Committee, says: "I say it with a knowledge of the conditions existing that the straight Bryan and Sewall ticket unfused, will carry Alabama by 100,000 majority."

Rev. Sam Small, who has just returned from a stumping tour of the States named, said to Chairman Faulkner: "Nebraska is safe for Bryan beyond the shadow of a doubt, Missouri is safe, Illinois looked so when I was there a few days ago, and Ohio is doubtful." Mr. Small was also very emphatic in saying that "Nobody out west wants Watson." He has gone back to Illinois to take the stump. The number of application from clubs for membership in the National Association of Democratic Clubs has been steadily increasing, but the record was this week broken when fifty-three applications were received in a single day.

Mark Hanna's convention of bolting democrats, which met at Indianapolis this week, excited scarcely a ripple of interest at democratic headquarters, and it is not expected that its ticket will excite any more interest among the democratic voters of the country. It was a fake convention from start to finish, and it is doubtful whether a dozen of the men who participated in it will vote for the ticket they helped to nominate. They intend voting for McKinley, but have put up a counterfeit democratic ticket in the hope that it may catch the votes of some democrats who cannot stomach McKinley and who might have voted for Bryan, thus adding to McKinley's chances to win. It would really have been more manly for the convention to have endorsed McKinley instead of putting up a dummy ticket, and the result would

have been precisely the same on the 3rd of November.

Ex-Secretary Hoke Smith left Washington this week. He made a record as Secretary of the Interior which has never been surpassed, and left the work of that great department in better condition than it has been for years. He also left many warm friends who wish him success in all his undertakings.

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THE PITTSBURGH MINE HORROR.

Report of the Commission Soon to be Submitted.

About the middle of September the report of the Commission appointed by Governor Hastings to investigate the Pittston mine horror, in which 58 men lost their lives, will be submitted. The Commission, which is composed of Mine Inspectors Stein, Rodrick and Brennan, is now at work on the report, which will deal thoroughly with the Twin Mine disaster. The report will go fully into the history of the accident, the condition of the mine before and after the accident and the history of the squeeze that led up to the disaster.

In the absence of proof that the operators knew of the exact condition of the mine during the squeeze, the responsibility could not be placed upon them, however culpable they may have been in allowing pillars and gangways to be too small and irregular. The report will come to the conclusion that Superintendent Langan, unfortunately one of the men entombed, erred in judgment in allowing the men to work in the midst of the squeeze on that fatal Sunday morning.

Again, the report will say that even though there was no squeeze it was not safe to work in the mine at that time on account of the dangerous bodies of gas that suddenly appeared. The mine law says a superintendent has full charge of the mine, and he is the only one supposed to be familiar with the details of the workings. The condition of the strata and the wet weather will in all probability be held mainly responsible for the immense squeeze.

The report will not censure Mine Inspector McDonald. There was no evidence in the investigation to show that Mr. McDonald was aware of the condition of the mine at the time of the squeeze. The report will argue that, as Mr. McDonald had over half a hundred collieries and openings to look after, he could not be supposed to visit a mine every week or two. When such an unusual occurrence or so great a squeeze occurs it is the duty of those in charge of the mine to notify the inspector, but apparently in this case no such notification was given, and the Inspector was ignorant of the squeeze.

This part of the report is of vast interest to thousands of miners, as many supposed that Inspector McDonald would be strongly censured, if not removed from office, notwithstanding the fact that he knew nothing about the squeeze. Several recommendations will be made to be incorporated in the Mine laws of the State.

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EARLY POSTAL METHODS.

The Facilities Offered During Washington's Term of Office.

"In Washington's first term an effort was made to speed the mails—to move them at the rate of one hundred miles in twenty hours, or about four and a half miles an hour," writes ex-President Harrison in his "This Country of Ours" article in the Ladies' Home Journal. "This would have been a notable advance, for the carriers were then taking nearly thirty hours between Philadelphia and New York. The roads were bad and there were many slow ferries. In 1776 there were only twenty-eight post offices in the colonies; in 1795 there were four hundred and fifty-three, and in 1895 there were 70,064. The rates of postage when the department was organized under the Constitution were high; for thirty miles, six cents for one letter sheet; for sixty miles, eight cents; for one hundred miles, ten cents, and so increasing with the increased distance to the maximum, twenty-five cents for distances over four hundred and fifty miles. Stamps were not in use in those days, nor was the sender of a letter required to pay the postage in advance. The postage, six cents or twenty-five cents, as the case might be, was written by the postmaster on the letter, and it the sender paid the postage the word 'paid' was added; if he did not the postage was collected of the person to whom the letter was addressed. These rates soon yielded a surplus over the cost of the service, spite of the franking privilege which the law gave to Congressmen and the heads of Departments. The demand of the newspapers and periodicals of every class for cheap postage, seconded by their subscribers, has led to a reduction of rates greatly below the actual cost to the Government. In his report for 1892 the Postmaster General, after stating that the present letter rate pays twice the cost of the letter mail, says that the book and newspaper mail is carried at a loss of six cents a pound. In recent years the Post Office Department has been characterized by a very progressive spirit, and it is now rendering, not a perfect service, but a high-class service. No other department has more nearly kept pace with the marvelous development of our country."

PATRIOTIC TREE PLANTING.

A Happy Suggestion For Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

Some months ago Mrs. Peter J. Hughes, wife of Magistrate Hughes of West Philadelphia, and a member of Merion chapter, Daughters of the Revolution, made suggestion that Sequoia chapter, San Francisco, plant 13 trees in Golden Gate park to represent the 13 original states, each state to send a young tree from some historic spot; also earth from other historic localities, to be placed about the roots of the trees. The plan is that the trees be planted in an arch or semicircle, with Pennsylvania's tree for the keystone, and that tree to come from the historic camp ground at Valley Forge. Sequoia chapter has voted to adopt the suggestion of Mrs. Hughes. The tree planting will take place Oct. 19, provided the whole 13 original states co-operate.

Mrs. Isabelle Hubbard of the Sequoia chapter has been appointed a committee to open correspondence with the Daughters of the American Revolution in the 13 original states. So far, last month, ten states have responded favorably, with three yet to be heard from. New York will send a tree from Saratoga of a kind not yet specified, Massachusetts an elm from Concord bridge, Pennsylvania a tulip tree from Valley Forge.

Mrs. Hubbard asks that trees be sent as follows: New Hampshire, sugar maple; Massachusetts, elm; Rhode Island, plane tree (buttonwood); Connecticut, beech; New York, white oak; New Jersey, linden; Pennsylvania, tulip tree; Delaware, locust; Maryland, liquid amber; Virginia, chestnut; North Carolina, black walnut; South Carolina, magnolia; Georgia, catalpa. Any state may substitute a tulip tree (liriodendron).

It is hoped that the tree planting will be a great success, and the happy idea of Mrs. Hughes prove a link to help bind together the east and west. —Margaret B. Harvey in New York Sun.

Will Take Pay in Produce.

Stantford, Ky., has a preacher who invades the field heretofore supposed to exclusively belong to the rural editor. The Rev. W. S. Grimstead is reported as saying in his Sunday night sermon:

"There are always people who say they have everything—except money, and to that class I want to suggest that my barn and kitchen doors are at all hours open, and I will be glad to take at market price anything they have to sell. That the members of this church do not pay their preacher and other church debts shall be no fault of mine."

The heathen are a very undesirable portion of the world's population, and according to our method of thinking would make better food for the fish. But since they are on the earth the proper thing to do is to civilize them. Accordingly it becomes our unpleasant duty to go ourselves or provide the coin to send some one. Most people aren't after romance and excitement and prefer to discuss the financial question here rather than argue the preeminent right of existence with an unscrupulous cannibal. We aren't kicking because we are asked to contribute towards the enlightenment of the savage mind, but we object to paying two or three other fellow's share.

To be specific, the method employed by the churches nowadays to extort money from reluctant victims is pernicious and deprecable. No one objects to contributing to a worthy cause, but when several hundred children are supplied with earthen boxes, and turned loose in the town, the effect is not conducive to an extension of morality. Each child canvasses the town, and each one rings the same door bell in the course of the tour.

There is nothing more unpleasant to a busy man or woman than to be run to the door about fifty times a day, and each time find an urchin there with one of those detestable little boxes. People would rather give five dollars to a church than answer a door bell fifty times a day and supply the request for a nickel. In the interests of their children's safety, parents should condemn the practice and forbid their progeny to risk their lives for the heathen. Some irresponsible person will some day secrete a club behind his door and use it on the impulse of the moment (and incidentally on the child). The earthen box system of raising money is universally disliked and should be discontinued.

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